(b) if so, the details thereof, office-wise?

*ANSWER*

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI MADHAVSINH SOLANKI): (a) and (b). A proposal to augment staff strength in the Passport Offices is under consideration.

**External Affairs Minister's Visit to Kuwait**

2635. SHRI RABI RAY: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether he visited Kuwait recently;

(b) if so, the bilateral matters that figured in his talks with Kuwaitian leaders and the outcome thereof;

(c) whether Kashmir issue also figured in the talks; and

(d) if so, the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI MADHAVSINH SOLANKI): (a) Yes, Sir; I paid an official visit to Kuwait on February 15 and 16, 1992.

(b) My talks with Kuwaiti leaders included comprehensive review of all bilateral matters. These talks have led to further strengthening of close and cordial bilateral relations between India and Kuwait.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Kuwait has fully supported the resolution of all questions between India and Pakistan bilaterally and on the basis of the Shimla Agreement.

**Supply of Cashew Grafts**

2636. PROF. UMMAREDDY VENKATESWARLU: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any Centrally Sponsored Cashew Grafting Scheme is under operation in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of cashew grafts supplied to Andhra Pradesh annually;

(d) whether the demand for cashew grafts in Andhra Pradesh is growing rapidly; and

(e) if so, the steps taken to supply adequate grafts?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) to (c). A Central Sector Programme for area expansion with clonal (grafts) planning is being implemented in Andhra Pradesh during 1991-92, under which Department of Horticulture of the State is being provided Central assistance @ Rs. 9 per graft.

(d) and (e). To meet the growing demand, it is proposed to distribute one lakh cashew grafts in Andhra Pradesh during 1992-93.

**Production by ONG**

2637. SHRI HANNAN MOLLAH: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the production of ONGC during the last three years and profit earned by it during the said period;

(b) whether there is continuous deterioration in production as well as profit and if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the installed capacity of ONGC units and the achievements; and

(d) the steps the Government have taken to improve the situation?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) and (b).